

**MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF CARROLLTON
JUNE 16, 2003
MINUTES**

**Regular
Council
Meeting**

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 16, 2003 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. in the Court/Council Room, Public Safety Complex, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pilgrim.

Roll Call

There were present:

Mayor Gerald Pilgrim, presiding

Councilmember Gerald Byrd

Councilmember Henry Dickerson

Councilmember Rusty Gray:

Councilmember J. Carl Williamson, Jr.

Invocation

The Invocation was offered by Mayor Pilgrim.

**Minutes
6/2/03**

Motion by Councilmember Dickerson, seconded by Councilmember Gray to approve the minutes as previously circulated. Motion carried, unanimously.

**Adoption of
Proposed
2003/2004
Operating
Budgets**

The proposed Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Operating Budgets were presented to the Mayor and Council for adoption. Councilmember Dickerson inquired on the Sales Tax projections. Councilmember Byrd requested that next year a budget retreat with all Department Directors be held as done in previous years. Councilmember Gray clarified the GMA Lease Pool proceeds and the expense of Fire Trucks. With no other discussion, ***Motion by Councilmember Dickerson, seconded by Councilmember Gray to approve the Fiscal 2003-2004 Operating Budgets as presented. Motion carried, unanimously.***

**Proposed
Amendment
Alcoholic
Beverage
Ordinance
Proximity
Regulation**

Acting City Manager Coleman invited Ms. Rebecca Ferguson, Carrollton's Main Street Director, to address the Council regarding a proposal from the Main Street Board of Directors to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. Ms. Ferguson noted that the current ordinance requires a 300-foot separation between churches and restaurants that serve alcohol. Given the unique spacing of the existing buildings on the square and its immediate vicinity, the Board asks that the Council consider amending the ordinance to exempt buildings fronting Adamson Square, Newnan, Rome, Bradley and Alabama Streets from the 300-foot proximity requirement. Ms. Ferguson added that all downtown business owners, church leaders and property owners were contacted within the proposed area with a packet of information regarding the proposed amendment. Of input received back thus far, only one was unfavorable. At this time, City Attorney Wiggins, informed the Council that the Georgia State Code did not regulate the proximity requirements for such and if it were the Council's desire to amend the City's ordinance to allow such an exemption, he would recommend enlarging the preamble and changing the language to the proposed amendment. The Council was in full agreement. Mayor Pilgrim noted that the matter would be addressed in July once City Attorney Wiggins had revised the proposed amendment.

**Telecommuni-
cations
Project and
Award of RFP**

Acting City Manager Coleman briefly updated the Council on the City's efforts in expanding and increasing access to affordable telecommunications service to the City, educational institutions, other governments, and to the business community. Manager Coleman invited Senior Management Specialist Jason Bolin to present the Telecommunications project. Mr. Bolin gave an in-depth presentation of the history and purpose of the project. Mr. Bolin noted that at the request of former City

Manager Danny Mabry he began evaluating and assessing the City's implementation plan for the Telecommunications project and was asked to determine alternatives for implementation of the City's telecommunications system. Mr. Bolin noted that he had reviewed the system's technical capabilities, discussed the system with the Carrollton City School's Assistant Superintendent for Technology O.P. Cooper, Mr. Tim Clark from the Information Age, and representatives of Haralson County Development Authority (HCDA) and their technical team at Synchronet. Based on the information gathered, it was determined that the best alternative was to concentrate on providing ISP services (Internet access, e-mail, web-hosting, etc.) for Carrollton City Schools, Carroll County Government, City of Carrollton and other similar users. Mr. Bolin pointed out that an in-house department to operate and maintain the system at required commercial standards would be cost prohibitive and operationally inefficient, therefore, a Request for Proposal was prepared to provide the services. Mr. Bolin shared the financial pro forma based on the costs of the recommended firm and the revenue to be derived from customers (other governments and school system). Mr. Bolin noted his recommendations were to build the project's central office in City Hall, connect City Hall to the Fiber Network, and award the request for Telecommunications services to Synchronet. The Council asked several questions regarding the projects history and the anticipated revenues and expenditures. Councilmember Gray stated he did not feel comfortable with awarding the project and requested a copy of all of the other Request for Proposals. At this time Mayor Pilgrim noted there would be a delay in awarding the Request for Proposal on the Telecommunications Project and asked that Mr. Bolin prepare copies of the proposals and distribute to the Council before the next meeting of the Mayor and Council.

**Pending
Appointments**

Mayor Pilgrim requested the Council to submit names to Acting City Manager Casey Coleman for consideration for pending and upcoming appointments.

**Citizen
Comments**

Those persons addressing the Mayor and Council during Citizen Comments: Mr. Herb Denmark and Dr. Peter Balega. Mr. Tim Clark of the Information Age addressed the Mayor and Council and posed several questions regarding the businesses that would generate revenue for the City from the Telecommunications project.

**Executive
Session**

Motion by Councilmember Gray, seconded by Councilmember Williamson to enter Executive Session for the purposes of discussing Personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

(Affidavit attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes).

The Mayor and Council reconvened to Regular Session on a Motion by Councilmember Williamson, seconded by Councilmember Gray. Motion carried, unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Motion by Councilmember Dickerson, seconded by Councilmember Gray to adjourn at 9:15 o'clock p.m. Motion carried, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by
Libby R. Duke, Deputy Clerk